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AMENDMENTS TO ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure with an abstract that was previously submitted on March 31, 2006, a copy of which is found in the Appendix.

Abstract

The present invention provides 2 β -chloromethyl-
2 α -methylpenam-3 α -carboxylic acid benzhydryl ester (CMPB)
crystals of excellent stability, and a process for
5 producing the CMPB crystals comprising the steps of (A)
concentrating a solution containing CMPB; (b) subjecting
the thus-obtained concentrate to column chromatography;
(C) concentrating a CMPB-containing fraction; and (D)
dissolving the thus-obtained CMPB-containing concentrate
10 in an ether solvent and adding a hydrocarbon solvent to
the resulting solution to precipitate CMPB crystals.